

IN BATTLE ARRAY.

The Political Hosts Martialed on the Plains of Chicago for the Great Contest.

The Boom of the Acquiescent Candidate Losing its Charm and Weakening in Strength.

Dictator Don to be Downed Unless He Promises to Give all the Boys a Fair Show.

The Local Feeling Against Logan's High Handed Usurpation of Power.

South Tongued Orators Will Address the Grant Meeting, and Cool Headed Business Men Will Talk to the Anti-Grant Meeting to-morrow.

CHICAGO, May 30. Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

LEAVING Wheeling at 4:30 o'clock, Saturday morning, by the Baltimore and Ohio line, your correspondent landed here at 8:15 in the evening, a distance of 408 miles, in less than sixteen hours. The time was made by steady rather than fast running, and only stopping at the principal places on the road. The country west of Chicago Junction showed no signs of drought, and the crops were very promising.

IN GOOD COMPANY.

We had all sorts of delegates from various parts of the country. For instance, ex-Governor-General Greenwell, of Maryland, who set that State up for Grant the other day; First Assistant Postmaster-General Tyler, one of Morton's old Indiana wire-workers, on his way to work for Grant; Senator Hoar, of Massachusetts, an Edwards' man; Senator Bruce, of Mississippi, a Sherman man; Dr. Updegraff, of the Belmont, O. district, against Sherman; John W. Mason, of Grafton, red-hot for Blaine. These we had, and many more of the same divergent views. They were but individual specimens of the warring and jarring crowds we found swarming in the hotels on arriving at this city.

THIRD TRENCHES LOOKING BRIGHT.

Today and to-morrow this warring and jarring has been in progress more intensely than ever. The outcome of it up to this time is, that the third trenches have got ground. The pressure against them is tremendous.

WHAT JOE MEDILL SAYS.

The city of Chicago is red hot against Logan and his usurpation. I had a long talk with Joseph Medill, editor of the Tribune, about it, and he tells me that this community is perfectly implacable on the subject.

FIGHTING LOGANS.

There will be another great open air mass meeting to-morrow evening to protest against the admission of Logan's men from ten of the districts. The local feeling here is making itself felt on the delegates as fast as they arrive, and it now looks as if third termism would certainly be defeated.

THE GREAT STRUGGLE.

will be over the preliminary organization. The National Committee are to-day debating the question of deposing Don Cameron, unless he agrees beforehand that the temporary Chairman shall not attempt to exercise any power of appointment.

SELECTION OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

They are determined that the Committee on Credentials shall be selected by a call of the States, knowing that such a committee will sit down on Logan. The anti-third term members of the Committee hold a caucus to-morrow morning to determine their course.

THE RESOLUTE MEMBER FROM WEST VIRGINIA.

An West Virginia member is for very resolute action, and there is no doubt but the majority of his constituents are of the same way of thinking. As things look now, to-morrow promises some very important results.

A BIG CONVENTION.

The Convention will be the largest ever held in this country. Twelve thousand tickets of admission have been provided. The hall is magnificently arranged. Each delegate is to have seven tickets, and the pressure for them will be great.

GRANT AND ANTI-GRANT.

Preparations for the Grant Meetings to-night—Senator Bruce's Room—The Report of the National Committee Anxiously Looked For.

CHICAGO, May 30.—The day passed busily at the hotels and headquarters of all the candidates. Preparations of considerable magnitude are making for the two open-air meetings on Lake Front to-morrow night. The Grant meeting has secured some of the best speakers in the city.

The Anti-Grant men will probably be addressed rather by business men than by famous orators.

J. Milton Turner, of St. Louis, Chairman of the National Committee for negro men, is here, and opened rooms at headquarters to-day for the advancement of the chances of Senator Bruce for the Vice Presidency.

WHERE THE STRUGGLE WILL BE.

The action of the National Committee at its meeting to-morrow evening is anxiously looked forward to, because it is expected to take some action respecting the part to be played in conducting the Convention. It is alleged that the anti-Grant members of the committee, who have been considerable of a majority, are determined to first carry out their instructions, and then to substantially abolish the unit rule in the preliminary organization.

It is said by some of the delegates that if Cameron should refuse to consent to his being deposed, several propositions looking to the settlement of the question are supposed to have been made to-day, but nothing is known to have been accomplished. It is predicted to-night that the real contest will be in the committee meeting, and the convention itself is likely to be a mere formality. Some Hamilton and Blaine arrived to-day. Whelan said will arrive to-morrow.

NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES.

Observance of Decoration Day—Census Enumerators—Local Notes, &c.

Miss Belle Thoburn returned here Saturday from Delaware. She will visit her brother Thomas in Kansas shortly, accompanied by Mrs. James Wilson.

The United Presbyterian church will celebrate the Lord's Supper next Sunday. Officers have made their appearance. Elder Robinson, who has been studying medicine with Dr. McCullough, is assisting him in the drug store, Calvin being absent.

Decoration Day was observed here in the usual desultory manner. Some houses were decorated with flags in accordance with the Mayor's request. A great many went to the woods round about, to have private picnics. The Liederkreis picnic in the Indian Run Grove was hardly begun when spoiled by the rain. Fourth and Fifth wards, the rain began to fall and no inspection was held.

Quite a number took their fun in advance by going down the river on excursion Friday night, on the Free Elision to Powhatan.

Mrs. R. J. Garrard was severely hurt Saturday by a fall on the stairs at her daughter's, Mrs. Hyatt.

The Democratic Club of young men would have hard work to keep its officers—F. S. Clinton is the latest.

Floral Sunday brought out loads of flowers to the Disciples Church, and flowers and birds were displayed in profusion at the Methodist Church.

The list of census enumerators for Belaire and the township was completed on Friday evening, by Mr. Hunt, Geo. M. Wise, for outside of the corporation; First and Second wards, J. W. Higleyman; Fifth ward, W. B. Cratty; Mr. Higleyman is a Democrat. There were some leasies among the applicants. The manufacturers will be under special notice.

Company D went to the Cemetery Sunday forenoon and decorated the graves of the dead soldiers there, seventeen in number. They had a splendid lot of flowers, each soldier carrying a bouquet and the flag bearing a wreath. There were not as many of them as there had been on last year, but the rain kept them off on Monday until after the hour originally set. Capt. Brown made a short address, highly praised Rev. Mr. Dean, of the Disciples Church, who was to have accompanied the company, but was unable to do so on account of an engagement.

At the examination of applicants for our schools, Saturday, all of the present teachers except those who hold two years' certificates, and a great many others, were present.

The steamer of the Second M. E. church (colored), which was blown off some time ago, has been raised to its place.

The managers of the Gravel Hill festival, which was held on Sunday, the first night receipts were about eighty dollars, and the total net receipts were eighty dollars.

Evidence of an infanticide was discovered Saturday in the body of an infant buried in a box on the Indian Run. The man who buried it was not, but not known.

The Methodist mission Sunday school, of the First Ward, observed Friday Sunday.

A new window glass house, South Belaire, displayed a flag on the tip of its lofty roof, Saturday and Sunday.

R. C. F.

ST. CLAIRVILLE.

Court Notes—Increase of Taxable Property—Pleasant Commencement Exercises.

ST. CLAIRVILLE, May 28th, 1880. Editors Intelligencer.

Early cherries are quite plenty in this market. Strawberries will be on hand before many days, if enough rain comes to allow them to ripen, in quantities.

Our narrow gauge railroad has changed its time of running to suit the change of the R. & O. An early train to meet the new trains on the R. & O., which stop at Quincy, would be an immeasurable accommodation to our people. We could then get our Wheeling stage much earlier, and Joe McKim defendant, would have much more time in town. As we only have one train now in the evening, the suggestion would not add to the number we have been having.

Court is still in session on a docket set to June 1st. They have entered a plea of after that. They have entered a plea of after that. They have entered a plea of after that.

The case of Barclay vs. Davis et al., is now being tried. This is a case for damages, the husband of the plaintiff having been killed in the plaining mill explosion at Barneyville some time ago. It has already been twice tried, each time the jury failing to agree.

The appointment of the Cleveland Traction Valley Road Wheeling R. R. adds about \$15,000 to the tax duplicate of this county.

To-day has been a red letter day in our history. This morning the commencement exercises of our school were held in the school room. The graduating class consisted of Miss Josie Hewston, Miss Martha Anderson, Edward Mashead, Miss Emma Woodway, Ella Thompson and Jennie Stamp. A very attractive program was presented.

At the summer in which it has been carried out. The music was in charge of Mrs. Black, wife of the superintendent, who is a daughter of Gen. J. D. Coy, of this State.

Prof. Pendleton, of Behan's, was expected to be present and present the diplomas, but failing to come, his place was filled by State School Commissioner Burns, who was present and abundantly aided to the emergency. The ladies presented Prof. Black with an elegant Bible as a token of their esteem. Prof. Duff and his class of 1880 were present from Belaire. They had their dinners with them, and after the exercises, they picnicked on the fair grounds.

A perceptible emerald pervaded the large portion of the audience when the program was distributed, with mermaid spelled "meamard." One of the subjects was "A visit to the mermaid." Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Wiley, who have been sojourning in your city for some months, are among us once more, for a time at least. Their numerous friends are more than glad to see Mr. W.'s improvement in health.

George H. Unshad, Esq. of New Martinsville, W. Va., and his daughter, Miss Stella, were present to see Eddie graduate. Mrs. Powell, daughter of J. Lowe, of this place, has been appointed assistant matron of the Children's Home of this county.

We are pleased to state that Sheriff Hillis, of whose blindness we informed you, is improving and able to see a little. He received a severe wound during the war which has given him more or less trouble since, affecting the spine, and to which this blindness is supposed to be directly traceable.

Madam Ransom says preparations are being made for a grand ball next week to close the season. The girls who are not yet invited are tenderly asked, as it were, but purchase they are not to be among the fortunate many.

WASHINGTON NOTES.

How Decoration Day Was Observed at Washington.

More West Virginia Appropriations—Sounds from Chicago—The Supervisor's Bill—Wilson's Chances—The West Virginia Delegation to Cincinnati.

IN MEMORY OF THE FALLEN HEART.

Special to the Intelligencer.

WASHINGTON, May 30.—Decorations day was generally observed throughout the District of Columbia. The Government departments were all closed and business mostly suspended throughout the city. The great majority of the citizens participated in decorating graves at Arlington and other cemeteries. The naval salutes were fired, and the Grand Army of the Republic paraded in full force, escorted by the United States troops stationed in the city, the Marine Corps and the District militia. The parade was very imposing.

Hon. Geo. C. Haselton, of Wisconsin, spoke the Arlington cemetery, Rev. J. E. Rankin at the Soldiers Home, and James Cunningham, Jr., of Wheeling, W. Va., delivered an eloquent oration to an immense audience at the Congressional cemetery.

WEST VIRGINIA APPROPRIATIONS.

In the Senate Committee on Commerce Senator Herford got in an amendment to the river and harbor bill increasing the amount appropriated for the improvement of the Shenandoah River from \$5,000 to \$15,000, and providing for a survey and report of the availability of the mouth of the Little and Great Kanawhas as harbors. These amendments will in all probability stick and become part of the bill when passed, the usual course being to appoint a committee of conference which leaves all amendments having any merit to stand, and the report of which is usually adopted without debate.

CHICAGO CONVENTIONS.

A large number of Congressmen and newspaper correspondents leave to-day for Chicago. Private telegrams received indicate a good deal of confidence on the part of the Grant men, but the Blaine and Sherman headquarters here keep up a bold front and claim that the Grant front is only part of the programme, adopted wittingly, and is bluff from thievingness.

THE SUPERVISOR'S BILL.

Discussion on the Supervisors' bill, in the Senate elicited considerable feeling and debate, which at times became acrimonious. Mr. Thurman offered an amendment, which was agreed to, providing that no person who has held the office of chief supervisor shall be reappointed. The bill was then passed by a party vote—yeas 27, nays 14. The following is the text of the bill: "Be it enacted, That the term of office of chief supervisor of elections, provided for in Section 2,023 of the Revised Statutes, shall be for two years. Such term shall begin on the first day of May in each even-numbered year. The terms of those now in office shall expire on the first day of July, 1880; and their successors shall be appointed from among the qualified electors of the proper judicial districts by the President of the United States, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. The President may appoint such officers during the recess of the Senate, who may hold and exercise their office until the next session of the Senate, and it shall be the duty of the Senate to send in such nominations within thirty days after the next ensuing session of the Senate; provided, that no person now holding, or who has held the office of chief supervisor of elections, shall be reappointed."

WILSON'S FIGHT.

I had a little talk to-day with ex-Senator Charlie Caldwell, who is here for the purpose of advising Congressman Wilson as to the state of the case now being waged against Colonel Ben Tingle, Campbell and Johnson. Caldwell thinks Wilson will win again before the Convention, and says the only man who could have beaten Wilson this time is Hans Gough, who never came out.

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THE PATH OF DEATH LIES BY A CYCLOPE.

BONHAM, TEXAS, May 29.—A terrible cyclone visited Savoy, on the Texas Pacific Railroad, last night, destroying the town and killing nine persons and wounding sixty, some of whom will die. The following are the names of the killed: Sam Gill, Dr. Kern, Miss Fanny Johnson, E. L. H. They say that no other child was killed, but a child of William Gallagher, an infant child of Mr. Andrews. Nineteen business houses, the railroad depot and twenty dwelling houses were destroyed. Only five houses in the place were spared. Physicians, nurses, more coffee, and provisions and everything is being furnished by the people of Bonham. The scene is a sad one.

BOON FOR ALL.

Saturday's Arrival of Immigrants.

NEW YORK, May 29.—Two thousand and eighty-four immigrants arrived here to-day, making the total number of arrivals thus far in May fifty-three thousand and nine, a greater number than arrived in any previous whole month.

NEW YORK BANK STATEMENT.

NEW YORK, May 30.—The following bank statement is made public:

Loans increased \$98,000
Savings increased \$75,000
Deposits increased \$4,000,000
Total assets increased \$4,173,000

The banks now hold \$18,125,430 in excess of legal requirements.

Kearney Re-elected.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 29.—Last night the workmen, headed by a brass band, escorted Kearney from his home to the San Lot, where a very large crowd had gathered. Kearney addressed them in his usual style, announcing his intention of taking up the agitation where he had left it and making it more bitter than ever.

THE FIRST OF THE SEASON.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., May 29.—The first wheat of the season was received here to-day, from Fort Worth, Texas, and was sold at auction on 'change' for \$1.62 per bushel.

THE LAST ACT.

NEW YORK, May 30.—John Brougham a well known and favorite actor is dying. His physicians say there is no possibility of his recovery.

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First—The Court is unable to believe that such slight wounds as Cadet Whitaker received could have been inflicted by persons in the manner and under the circumstances described by him.

Second—It does not seem to the Court that the evidence in this case is sufficient to establish that the Government was negligent in the manner in which the case was handled.

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Fourth—From the testimony of the Post Surgeon, and others, the Court is compelled to believe that Cadet Whitaker was never asleep nor insensible when he was examined on the morning of April 6th, 1880, but he was feigning.

Fifth—The Court is not able to discover any motive, that the person who inflicted the wounds on Cadet Whitaker could have had in making such an assault, and there is no evidence whatever to warrant the belief that any other person did make it.

Sixth—It believes that the hair-clipping, shaving and bathing of the body of Cadet Whitaker, as described by him, were accomplished by Cadet Whitaker himself.

Seventh—The theory that the note of warning was an imitation of Cadet Whitaker's writing is, in the opinion of the Court, not supported by the evidence.

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This latter conclusion is supported by the fact that one-half of the sheet of paper on which the note is written was found in Whitaker's possession.

The opinion of the Court is as follows: From the strong array of circumstantial evidence from the testimony of experts in handwriting and the conflicting statements of Cadet Whitaker and the lack of veracity evinced by him in certain cases, the Court believes that the note was written by Cadet Whitaker.

The order was promptly carried out, and Whitaker will remain under arrest until the case is disposed of and a guard will keep him under surveillance. An officer in high rank being of the opinion that the case is of great importance, it is believed that the case will be forwarded to the War Department to-night.

CONFEDERATE POSTOFFICE RECORDS.

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